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Rajya Sabha Polls held

Nirmala Sitharaman and Jaggesh of BJP; Jairam Ramesh of Congress all set to win

Suspense over fourth seat to end this evening

Nirmala Sitharaman (BJP)

Jaggesh (BJP)

Jairam Ramesh (Congress)

Bengaluru, June 10 (KMS & DM)- As expected, two candidates of the ruling BJP — Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and actor Jaggesh and one from the Opposition Congress — former Union Minister Jairam Ramesh — are certain to win the crucial Rajya Sabha (RS) polls from Karnataka, the voting for which began at Vidhana Soudha here this morning.

A total of six candidates were in the fray for four RS seats. While BJP re-nominated sitting member Nirmala Sitharaman for one seat, it sprang a surprise by choosing popular Kannada actor-turned-politician Jaggesh for the second seat, which the party could win comfortably in the first preferential votes, with the strength of numbers it has in the Legislative Assembly.

Congress re-nominated Jairam Ramesh for second time while JD(S) fielded former RS MP Kupendra Reddy in a bid to win the fourth seat. Congress too took a chance for bagging the fourth seat by fielding Mansoor Ali Khan, son of former Union Minister K. Rahman Khan.

Taking advantage of being the ruling party, BJP fielded Lehar Singh Siroya, a former MLC, for its third seat, in anticipation of support from Legislators of Opposition parties through their second preferential vote.

While Sitharaman bagged 46 votes, Jaggesh secured 44 and Jairam Ramesh 46. Jaggesh, who was elected as an MLA from Turuvekere in 2008 on a Congress ticket, had resigned from the party and joined BJP.

(See POLLS on page 7)

Presidential polls on July 18

Mysuru makes an indelible mark

Election Commission seeks trendy marker pens from Mysore Paints & Varnish Limited

Mysuru, June 10 (RK&BCT)- Like the Presidential election in 2017, Mysuru-based Mysore Paints and Varnish Limited (MPVL) will supply trendy marker pens for the Presidential election 2022 to be held on July 18.

The 2017 Presidential polls marked the first-ever use of marker pens supplied from Mysuru in the election for India's highest office.

File photo of marker pens

The MPVL, also called MyLAC, is the sole supplier of ink for any elections in India. The Election Commission (EC) has already asked the MPVL about the availability, reliability and also the usage of the pens and the Commission has confirmed that it wants to use indelible pens during this Presidential election too.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, MPVL Managing Director Kumaraswamy said that the Election Commission has sought the supply of marker pens and the MPVL is preparing to manufacture them. There are a couple of models of the pens and they will be supplied as per the specifications, numbering and size prescribed by the Commission.

As it is the Presidential polls, there is a certain amount of confidentiality and the exact number of pens manufactured for the elections cannot be disclosed, Kumaraswamy said and added that MPVL will supply indelible ink vials to the forthcoming Legislative Council elections also.

(See MYSURU on page 7)

Mysuru-Bengaluru 10-lane Highway

Get ready to pay Rs. 200 to Rs. 250 as travel toll

Bengaluru, June 10 (BCT)- Travelling between Mysuru and Bengaluru on 10-lane Economic Corridor that is slated for completion in October 2022 could cost you anywhere between Rs. 200 and Rs. 250 as per the prevailing rates fixed by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) based on similar corridors.

The first stretch of the expressway — from Bengaluru to Nidaghatta — is scheduled to be open for the public from July and the stretch from Nidaghatta to Mysuru is expected to be completed by Dasara this year.

The 117-km road is being built at a cost of Rs. 8,350 crore. Though the travel time between the two cities will be reduced to 90 minutes from the existing three hours, the toll is likely to be charged between Rs. 200 and Rs. 250.

Two toll booths have been set up along the Highway on elevated stretches and works are on full swing and the plazas will be operational with all high-tech toll systems and the FASTag facility by the time the road works are completed. In all, each toll booth will have 11 counters to ensure that traffic will flow smoothly.

(See TOLL on page 7)

New President to take oath on July 25

New Delhi, June 10 (Agencies)- Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Rajiv Kumar yesterday announced the schedule for Presidential Elections.

Presidential elections 2022 for the next term will be held on July 18, with results to be announced on July 21. Official notification regarding the elections will be released on June 15, 2022. According to official data, a total of 4,809 electors will be voting in the Presidential polls.

President Ram Nath Kovind's term is coming to an end, and the next President of India will be elected before his tenure is over. Kovind was sworn in for the post on July 25, 2017, and his Presidential term is set to come to an end on July 24, 2022. The new President will take oath on July 25, 2022.

The President is elected by the Electoral College members of both Houses of Parliament and elected members of Legislative Assemblies of all States and Union Territories. However, the nominated members of either RS and LS or Legislative Assemblies are not included in the Electoral College; hence, not entitled to participate in election process. Similarly, members of Legislative Councils are also not electors for Presidential polls, according to the EC.

To Our Readers

*Turn to Page-6 for an exclusive interview with celebrity author Chetan Bhagat. —***Ed**

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Friday 10th June 2022

CM launches 'Hasiru Mysuru' initiative of Rajeev Sneha Balaga

Mysuru, June 10 (MK&TRR)- Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai inaugurated "Hasiru Mysuru", a sapling planting initiative launched by MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev's Rajeev Sneha Balaga by planting a sapling on Wednesday. The Balaga intends to plant one lakh saplings in and around Mysuru city.

The Chief Minister visited the "Hasiru Mysuru" programme venue on Mysuru-Nanjangud road, planted a sapling and watered it to launch this year's greening programme.

"Hasiru Mysuru" was launched in the year 2019 and since then the Balaga has been continuing the mission of planting one lakh saplings in Mysuru city. In the first year 15,000 saplings, another 15,000 in the year 2020, 20,000 in 2021 and another 20,000 saplings are being planted in the city to make Mysuru to greener.

District in-charge Minister S.T. Somashekar, MP Pratap Simha, MLAs S.A. Ramdas and L. Nagendra, State BJP General Secretary Siddaraju, City President T.S. Srivatsa and members of Rajeev Sneha Balaga were present on the occasion.

Invited as speaker for Intl. Meet

Mysuru, June 10- **Dr. S. A. Mohan Krishna,** Associate Professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE), Mysuru, has been selected as one of the keynote speakers for a hybrid international conference scheduled from Kunming, China for 'International Conference on Mechanical Automation and Engineering Materials (MAEM)' between June 18 and 20.

He will be speaking on the topic, "Recent Advances. Research Prospects and Application Aspects in Engineering Materials." He is also one of the organising committee members for this conference which shall provide a high level forum for scholars and researchers from all over the globe to share their research achievements, exchange the experiences and technologies on mechanical automation and engineering materials.

In the coming months, Dr. Mohan Krishna will be delivering keynote talks in the conferences scheduled from Italy, USA, Spain, Sweden, Germany and Greece.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

From instant foods to instant loans to instant shopping, everything has to be instant. Do something now, derive the benefits immediately is the mantra. Since the rewards are quickly encashed, the tendency is to engage more and more with this type of lifestyle. To reiterate the words of the Gita, "do your work by all means. Expect the rewards also. But remember, do not do your work with an eye only on the rewards."

When all of man's physical and mental energies are directed solely towards the fruits of his efforts, neither will his work be perfect nor will he grow emotionally into a well balanced, poised individual. Like a bubble on the water surface, he is there now, gone (emotionally, morally, ethically degraded) the next moment. The tendency of the mind, fickle as it is, is always to run outwards, towards the worldly matter. "There is more to human existence than mere material pleasures. Aspire for legitimate things, look inwards and use your energies to grow emotionally and spiritually."

— Mirle Karthik in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Woman's fingernails measure over 12 inches in 30 years

Gary: Cordelia "Dee Dee" Adams, a nail technician from Gary, Indiana, has been growing her fingernails for over 30 years and today they measure over 12 inches in length.

The fingernails of 59-year-old Cordelia Adams are quite something to behold. Not only are they covered in acrylic overlays featuring various artistic designs, but they are all over 12-inches long. She started growing them in 1989, when she became a nail technician and has taught herself to perform all sorts of day-to-day tasks that require her hands without breaking her precious babies.

As one can imagine, Adams gets a lot of attention because of her nails, but that's actually the part she loves most about having unusually-long fingernails.

Creepy spider night lamp freaks out the internet

Tokyo: An IT engineer from Japan has created a creepy nigh lamp that crawls on robotic spider legs and leads you to the toilet in the middle of the night.

This robotic spider lamp created by a Japanese IT engineer as a side project has been freaking out Twitter for the past couple of days. On June 5, Twitter user Ianius shared a short clip featuring his newest wacky creation.

The idea for the lamp came to Ianius while putting his 3D-printed robotic legs to good use. He had already put them on toy boxes for his two young children, but was looking for something even better. As a father of two, he was reminded of his own childhood, when he was terrified of going to the bathroom in the middle of the night, and the idea of a guiding night lamp sprouted in his brain.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Pick up fruit and vegetables as snacks. Grab an apple or banana for a quick bite. Consume at least 3 cups of vegetables per day. Choose vegetables rather than meat in sandwiches, pizzas and burgers. Make simple changes every day to vegi-boost your diet.

By Dr. Anoop S. Alva - Consultant - Gastroenterology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Applications invited for diploma in handloom and textiles

Mysuru, June 10 (SSM) - The Department of Handloom and Textiles has invited applications from eligible candidates for admission to Diploma Course in Handloom and Textiles.

The course, having 44 seats, is open for male and female candidates. 22 seats are available at Karnataka Handloom Technology Institute, Gadag-Betageri, 17 seats are available at Indian Handloom Technology Institute, Salem, Tamil Nadu, three at SPKM Indian Handloom Technology Institute, Venkatagiri, Nellore district, Andhra Pradesh and two at Indian Handloom Technology Institute, Kannur, Kerala.

Candidates who have a pass in SSLC exams along with English subject are eligible to apply for the course. Selected candidates will receive Rs. 2,500 as monthly scholarship. Male candidates can avail hostel facilities. The age limit for general category candidates is 15 to 23 years while for SC and ST community candidates, it is 15 to 25 years.

Candidates will be selected based on the entrance examination marks. Candidates may submit application by visiting *http://khtigadg.ac.in* before July 1. For details and application forms, contact Institute at Gadag-Betageri Principal on Ph: 080-23561628 or 2356082 or Department of Handloom and Textiles Deputy Director on Ph: 08372-297221 or Mob: 94491-89170, according to a press release.

Free hostel admission

Mysuru, June 10 (SSM) - Kumbarara Sarvajanika Vidyarthi Nilaya Trust, Mysuru, has invited applications from Kumbara community students for admission to its free hostel on New Kantharaj Urs Road, Kuvempunagar in city.

Students who are pursuing their Under-Graduate Degree, Post- Graduate Degree, Technical and Medical courses are eligible to apply for free hostel facility.

Students may obtain the applications from the Hostel Office and submit the filled-in forms along with copies of student ID card, caste certificate and two passport size photos before June 30.

For more details, call Trust Secretary T. Raju on Mob: 96115-99514 or 63613-45314, according to a press release.

REALLY...?

- ***April 5 is celebrated as National Maritime Day in India. On this day in 1919, navigation history was created when SS Loyalty, the first ship of The Scindia Steam Navigation Company Ltd., journeyed to the United Kingdom, a crucial step for India's shipping history when sea routes were controlled by the British.***
- ***Also, in Kautilya's Arthashastra we find information of the complete arrangements of boats maintained by the navy and the state. It also contains information on the duties of various personnel on a ship. For example, the Navadhyaksha is the superintendent of the ship, Niyamaka is the steerman and Datragrahaka is the holder of the needle, or the compass. Differences in ships are also described regarding the location of the cabins and the purpose of the ship itself.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

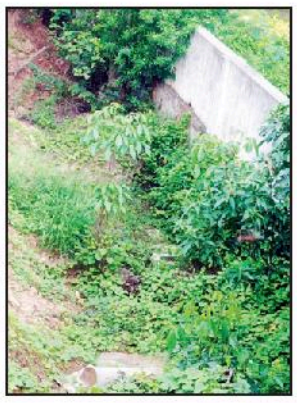
Police officer: *"Sir, I don't understand. You lost the credit card a year ago, why are you reporting it now?"* ***Guy:*** *"The thief wasn't spending nearly as much as my wife used to…"*
Police officer: *"But why report it now?"* ***Guy:*** *"I think the thief's wife got hold of it now!"*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 77.83
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 97.21
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 21.19
1 Euro	= Rs. 82.70

VOICE OF THE READER

Utilise this huge vacant site for a good cause



Sir,

This is to bring to the notice of authorities that the huge vacant site behind Gopala Gowda Shanthaveri Memorial Hospital, Nazarbad (behind Indian Oil and Bharath Petrol Bunk), lying idle since many years (currently being used as a dumping yard) can be utilised for a good cause.

The residents (including small children and elders) residing near this vacant site are pretty much scared to breathe easy due to huge number of snakes moving around the premises *(see photo)* and some migrant workers using this place to attend nature's call as well.

As this site is in the prime locality, the respective owners should utilise it for a good cause and make the life of nearby residents healthy and stress-free.

I also request the authorities concerned to properly maintain and clean the sites once in a few months and looking forward that this would be addressed very soon.

—Residents Association
on e-mail

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JSS Polytechnic for the Differently Abled signs MoU

National Institute of Technical Teachers' Training and Research to impart training to faculty

Mysuru, June 10- JSS Polytechnic for the Differently Abled (JSSPDA), Mysuru, has entered into an MoU with National Institute of Technical Teachers' Training and Research (NITTTR), Ministry of Education, Government of India, Chennai, with the objective of imparting training to the teachers of technical institutions in emerging technological areas.

The scope of this MoU is to train the faculty members of Polytechnics in the areas of Pedagogy, Curriculum Development, Question paper setting, Continuous Assessment practices, Evaluation Methodology, Academic Audit, Accreditation etc.

With this MoU, the Polytechnic teachers are benefited in terms of capacity building, curriculum enhancement, faculty development and also development of curriculum accessible to differently abled students exclusively for the hearing impaired.

The MoU also focused on faculty and student exchange between the two institutions, scope for academic research, working with industries, consultancy, project works, exchange of academic information, scholarly information, materials & publications and arranging joint conferences / workshops in the areas of mutual interest.

The MoU was signed by B. Elangovan, Principal, JSSPDA and Prof. Usha Natesan, Director, NITTTR, in the presence of Dr. H.R. Mahadevaswamy, Joint Director, TED, JSS Mahavidyapeetha on June 3.

JSS Polytechnic for the Differently Abled is the first and only Polytechnic in the country offering Technical education at Diploma level exclusively for the differently abled. JSSPDA has well defined infrastructure suitable for differently abled students and qualified human resources.

National Institute of Technical Teachers' Training and Research was established as an autonomous institute by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, in 1964 to improve the quality of technical and vocational education in Southern region.

B. Elangovan, Principal, JSSPDA, exchanging the copy of MoU with Prof. Usha Natesan, Director, NITTTR, Chennai as Dr. H. R. Mahadevaswamy, Joint Director (TED), JSS Mahavidyapeetha looks on.

Daksha launches degree course in

Sustainable Development & Environment Management

Mysuru, June 10- Daksha College, Mysuru, with the approval of the University of Mysore, has for the first time introduced BBA specialised Hons degree in "Sustainable Development & Environment Management."

The course aims to provide an opportunity to the current and future generation of students and professionals to make a real and meaningful difference in achieving the much desired effective environment management and sustainable development goals of the global community.

Daksha Founder Jayachandra Raju has served the United Nations in various regions of the world and is a keen promoter in achieving the global sustainable development goals.

Prof. J.A.K.Tareen, former Vice-Chancellor of three Universities (Kashmir University, BS Abdur Rahaman University and Pondicherry University), launched the BBA course recently as part of World Environment Day celebrations.

Speaking on the occasion, he opined that coordinated approaches are necessary for solving the major environmental and sustainability issues facing the developing as well as developed regions of the world. There is a need to have a better understanding of the multidisciplinary interrelationships between sustainable development, human growth and the protection of the natural environment.

As is the practice of Global Education Trust, Prof. Tareen and the students of Daksha College planted a tree sapling in the campus to maintain it as a "Clean and Green Educational Hub" in Mysuru.

Management officials, Principals, staff and students of Daksha College were present.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Borrowing of books temporarily stopped

The Deputy Director of Mysuru City Central Library has stated in a press release that as the maintenance and book verification works are being taken up at all the library branches of Mysuru City Central Library in Hunsur, K.R. Nagar, Periyapatna, Nanjangud, T. Narasipur, H.D. Kote, Bannur, Saragur taluks, the public cannot borrow books from the libraries. However, public can make use of newspaper service and other reference services at the libraries.

Apprentice mela

The Industrial Training and Employment Department and Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) have jointly organised an Apprentice Mela for candidates who have passed in ITI or pursing their final year. The Mela will be held on June 13 at 10 am at Kaveri Auditorium in KSOU premises in city. Companies within Mysuru limits will be participating to recruit candidates, according to a press release from the Department Joint-Director.

Get-together

Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya, Mysuru, will hold a get-together programme for Engineers with the topic 'Coping with Uncertainties' at Brahma Kumaris, Gyan Prakash Bhavan, Yadavagiri in city on June 12 between 11 am and 1 pm. Rajyogini B.K. Lakshmiji, Chief Coordinator, Brahma Kumaris, Mysore Sub-Zone will be present. For details, call Ph: 0821-2512227.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80	feet
Today	:	105.46	feet
Yesterday	:	105.38	feet
Inflow	:	2148	cusecs
Outflow	:	1,137	cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Today	:	2,261.60	feet
Inflow	:	363	cusecs
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HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2,850.75	feet
Inflow	:	229	cusecs
Outflow	:	50	cusecs

Girl brutally assaulted by relative for rejecting his love proposal

Youth beaten black and blue, handed over to Police

Mandya, June 10 (Mohanraj& KS)- A girl, who rejected a love proposal by her relative was brutally assaulted at MIMS Hospital premises yesterday. Public and the girl's classmates, who witnessed the incident, caught hold of the youth, beat him black and blue before handing him over to the Police.

The girl, a para-medical student is a resident of a village in the taluk, who has sustained serious injuries, was provided first-aid at MIMS Hospital and has been shifted to NIMHANS in Bengaluru for further treatment. The accused relative of the injured girl is 20-year-old Sampath.

It is learnt that Sampath was pestering the girl to love him and used to follow her. Yesterday morning too, he followed her while she was on her way to the College, stopped her before she reached the College and demanded the girl to accept his love proposal by evening.

Accused Sampath

When the girl finished her college and came out, Sampath, who came before her asked her opinion and when she rejected his proposal, Sampath picked up a wooden plank and brutally assaulted her on her head causing grievous injuries. Though her classmates rushed to her aid, Sampath had already inflicted serious injuries on the girl.

The girl's classmates and members of the public, irked over Sampath brutally assaulting the girl, caught hold of him, thrashed him severely and handed him over to Mandya East Police, who have registered a case of attempt to murder against him.

It is learnt that the youth was behind the girl since about two years. Recently, he began to follow her and used to pester her to love him. The girl's parents, who came to know about it, had called the village elders to sort out the issue following which the village elders had warned the youth to leave the girl alone.

But still, the youth followed her and had even demanded her to celebrate her birthday with him. As the youth was not well educated and had no work, the girl had rejected his proposal and even the girl's parents had rejected his marriage proposal with the girl.

Mandya East Police, who have registered a case, are investigating.

Alleged sexual harassment

Complaint, counter complaint lodged at Ashokapuram Police Station

Mysuru, June 10- Accusing a few women employees of a convent in city of administering injection to make her mentally unstable, sexually harassing her and threatening to kill her, a nun, belonging to a Convent has lodged a complaint against a few women employees and drivers of the Convent at Ashokapuram Police Station.

The nun, a staff at a convent on Manandawadi Road, in her complaint on June 4, has stated that on May 5, she had a verbal duel with the Convent's Provincial Superior and on the same day evening, a woman along with two drivers of Convent vehicles had assaulted her, tied her up, administered injections to make her weak and admitted her to a mental health treatment centre.

The nun has further stated that after she was admitted at the mental health treatment centre, two drivers harassed her sexually and as she was weak due to the injections, she was unable to stop them. When she informed the matter to a Sister who counselled her, the Sister threatened her that she would make her mentally unstable completely.

The nun has further stated in the complaint that the next day, when she informed about it to another Sister, she was threatened with her life if she informed about it to anyone.

Based on the complaint, Ashokapuram Police have registered a case against the woman, two drivers and two sisters of the Convent under IPC section 354(A), 392, 323, 504 and 506 r/w with 34.

Counter complaint: Meanwhile, the Provincial Superior of the Convent, alleging that the nun had threatened her with life, has lodged a counter complaint with Ashokapuram Police.

In her complaint, the Provincial Superior has stated that the nun who was serving as the Head Mistress of a Deaf and Dumb School at Kodagu, was suffering from mental depression since one and a half years, was admitted at the hospital on Manandawadi Road for counselling on May 31.

She has further stated in the complaint that the nun used to get calls from two numbers on her mobile phone frequently following which she used to go into depression. On June 1, the nun's father and brother had come to the organisation and had told her that they will be taking the nun with them.

The next day, the nun's father and brother went to the hospital and asked the hospital staff to discharge the nun to which the hospital staff refused to discharge her as she was under treatment following which the nun's father and brother created ruckus at the hospital, the complaint stated.

The Provincial Superior has also accused the nun of abusing the staff using foul language, threatening them with life and had also threatened of also committing suicide when she was being advised.

On June 4 afternoon, the nun, who came to the Convent, said that she wanted to take her belongings that were left behind and when the nun was told to give in writing about the things she was taking with her, she became furious and threatened of defaming the institution besides stating that she had already made a video and had uploaded the same on social media, the complaint further stated.

Based on the counter complaint by the Provincial Superior, Ashokapuram Police have registered a case against the nun under IPC section 301, 504, 506 r/w 34 and are investigating.

Mobile phone snatched in city

Mysuru, June 10 (SBD&KS)- Bike borne miscreants have snatched a mobile phone of a youth, who was on his daily walk on the Outer Ring Road near Shaktinagar yesterday morning.

At about 6.30 am yesterday, the youth, who was holding his mobile phone in his hand, was walking on the Ring Road, when two miscreants, who came on a white coloured TVS Apache bike, approached him in the guise of speaking to him and managed to snatch his mobile phone worth about Rs. 17,000 and sped away.

Based on the complaint from the youth, Udayagiri Police, who have registered a case, have collected CCTV footages of cameras installed in the vicinity of the crime spot and are examining it.

City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta, who has taken the incident seriously, has formed a special Police team to nab the mobile phone snatchers besides increasing the frequency of beat Police in the vicinity of crime spot and other areas.

It is learnt that, as PM Modi is scheduled to arrive in city on June 20 to participate in the mass yoga demonstration at Mysore Palace on June 21, City Police are making all efforts to prevent crimes from taking place.

Suspected honour killing case

Parents confess of killing daughter

Mysuru, June 10 (RK&KS) - Investigations have revealed that the minor girl was strangulated to death by her father because she was in love with a boy belonging to a different caste.

Speaking to presspersons, Superintendent of Police (SP) R. Chethan said that the girl's parents have confessed of killing their daughter as she was in love with a boy belonging to other caste.

Continuing, the SP said that the girl's parents, who surrendered at Periyapatna Police Station after committing the crime, have told the Cops that they had killed their daughter. "Just because the girl was in love with a boy of a different caste, her parents killed her and they have confessed of committing the crime," the SP added.

He further said that the girl's parents revealed that they had opposed the marriage of their daughter with the boy, but as the girl was ready to leave their house, they strangled her to death in a fit of rage. The parents of the deceased girl have been arrested and their statements have been recorded. "We have questioned the witnesses including the girl's lover and the case is being investigated," SP said.

BJP's communal politics will be rejected by people: Dhruvanarayan

Mysuru, June 10 (RKB&TRR)- "Corruption by the State BJP Government has crossed all limits and so far three Ministers have resigned following various charges against them. The people will reject the communal politics of the BJP," opined KPCC Working President R. Dhruvanarayan.

He was speaking at a campaign organised at Congress Bhavan near Railway Station on Wednesday, to seek votes for Congress candidate Madhu G. Madegowda, who is contesting in the Legislative Council polls from the South Graduates Constituency. The election will be held on June 13. Addressing party workers from Varuna Assembly segment, he asked them to work towards the victory of Madhu G. Madegowda.

Charging the State Government with defaming great personalities like Basavanna, Kuvempu, Dr. Ambedkar and others, Dhruvanarayan accused the BJP of distorting history.

Claiming that only during Congress rule the country witnessed progress in the education field, he observed that Siddharamaiah as Chief Minister has given more grants to Mysuru than anybody else. "He implemented many social welfare programmes for the poor and also implemented the 6th Pay Commission recommendations. We all must educate voters about these matters and secure votes," he pointed out.

Varuna MLA Dr. Yathindra Siddharamaiah, who also addressed the party workers, opined that the Congress had not taken South Graduates Constituency seriously as it has taken now. "The KPCC President and CLP leader have selected a strong candidate in Madhu G. Madegowda, who runs a chain of educational institutions established by his father late G. Madegowda, for the Graduates Constituency this time. The Union and State BJP Governments' misrule and corruption has angered the people and hope that the graduate voters will take a good decision when they vote on June 13," he noted.

"Compared to previous elections, the response to the present election is very good as earlier polls from this Constituency were not taken seriously by the party workers. But Congress has a favourable atmosphere now. Party leaders and workers should bring voters to the booth and persuade them to vote for the Congress candidate," said KPCC Spokesman H.A. Venkatesh.

KPCC office-bearer Suraj Hegde asked the party workers to take the election as a prestige issue, meet the voters and educate them about the pro-people works done during the Congress rule.

MLC Dr. D. Thimmaiah, District Congress President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar, former Zilla Panchayat President B.M. Ramu and other leaders were present on the occasion.

M.B. Patil accuses Modi Govt. of making false promises on job creation

M.B. Patil

Mysuru, June 10 (RK&DM)- Accusing Prime Minister Narendra Modi of making false promises on job creation, KPCC Campaign Committee President and former Minister M.B. Patil said that the BJP was misleading youths on job opportunities and as well as communalising the minds of the people through false propaganda.

Addressing a press meet here yesterday, M.B. Patil maintained that youths were not getting jobs and unemployment was increasing by alarming proportions. Asserting that educated voters have realised the follies of the BJP Government, he said that the people are comparing the rule of the present BJP and the previous Congress administrations.

Contending that it was the Congress which made the country self-reliant in all aspects, Patil charged the Union Government of unnecessarily privatising Public Sector Companies. Pointing out that it was the Congress which was responsible for the establishment of many reputed institutions across the country, he said that now, many posts were ling vacant in Public Sector Companies and the youths were getting restless over rising unemployment. He reiterated that PM Modi had utterly failed in keeping his promise of creating 2 crore jobs a year.

Patil appealed the educated voters to judiciously exercise their franchise and vote for Congress candidate Madhu G. Madegowda. MLA and former Minister Krishna Byregowda also addressed the press meet.

Maintaining that a good number of small and medium scale industries shut down during the COVID crisis, Byregowda alleged that investors were moving out of the State due to communal and divisive politics of the BJP.

KPCC Working President R. Dhruvanarayan, MLAs Anil Chikkamadu and Dr. Yathindra Siddharamaiah, City Congress President R. Murthy, District President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar and others were present.

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Exclusive interview with celebrity author Chetan Bhagat

'India loves caste system, even literature has one'

No other English author has been the subject of as much ridicule as Chetan Bhagat. The readers of his books are often mocked for their poor English and mediocre intellect. At elite parties in metros, it's not uncommon to hear condescending remarks about the celebrity author's literary capability or the lack of it. Ironically, Chetan Bhagat is the first author who made India read. He has been credited with converting non-readers into readers and he has inspired thousands to turn into writers.

Well, the proof of the pudding is in eating, whether his English is bad or good, is immaterial. What matters is that he sells and sells like hot cakes. His books sell a million copies and his every book is adapted into a movie — Chetan Bhagat is living the dream of every author. The celebrity author, columnist and motivational speaker was in Mysuru to deliver a motivational talk at KSOU Convocation Hall, an event organised by Event Mitra. On behalf of *Star of Mysore*, Sujata Rajpal, a Mysuru-based author, caught up with him in a freewheeling chat before his session on June 4, 2022. Now read on...

By Sujata Rajpal

Star of Mysore (SOM): From 2004 — when after many rejections, your debut novel 'Five Point Someone' was published by Rupa Publications — till today, how has your journey been?

Chetan Bhagat: It has been a fantastic journey. I'm lucky to get the love of so many readers. So many people buy my books and come to listen to me which is humbling. What more would an author want?

SOM: What inspires you to write?

Chetan Bhagat: Initially I wrote for fame. I wanted to make my mark as a writer. I have written ten best-sellers, so if I do two more, it doesn't matter. It's still nice to have best-sellers but it doesn't impact me so much. I've reached a stage when I would want to use my time to motivate the youths. It's so hard to make them leave their phone, leave social media, so hard to get their attention and make them read. I want to motivate our youths to start thinking about themselves and the country.

So this is my goal now. For this, I have started my YouTube motivational channel. The advice I give to them is not unique. It's the same advice which their parents give but no one listens to them. My kids don't listen to me but if the same thing is told by an outsider they would listen. As a result, many students have given up their phones, are reading more and are doing better in studies. I have the ability to influence youths which is also a good way to age.

SOM: What does it take to be Chetan Bhagat?

Chetan Bhagat: Hard work, of course. Apart from that I've a beginner's attitude. I want to learn something new every day. I didn't know anything about YouTube but I've learnt it and it makes me feel good, so every moment I am learning. My advice — don't bask in your past successes, try to be a better person every day.

SOM: Would you like to be a simple no-frill readable author or an internationally acclaimed award-winning author whose work not many can understand?

Chetan Bhagat: Actually you can be both. You can't get an award for complication, but you can get one for communication. If you're a complicated author, no one would invite you for mass events but you might be called for elite events to discuss books over wine. Being a people's person is more important to me than getting an award.

SOM: How do you handle trolls?

"You can't get an award for COMPLICATION, but you can get one for COMMUNICATION. If you're a complicated author, no one would invite you for mass events but you might be called for elite events to discuss books over wine. Being a people's person is more important to me than getting an award."

Chetan Bhagat: You can't make everyone happy. If you express your opinion, someone or the other would have a problem. In fact, some people would have a problem even if you make a general statement like the sky is blue. They might argue that at night the sky is not blue. Interestingly, those who criticise me are not even reading my columns or books.

SOM: People criticise your books, call you a writer whose books only non-intellectuals read, many don't want to admit in public that they read your books. Some time ago, one journalist asked you to stop writing. What is your reaction to these?

Chetan Bhagat: How's that journalist's career doing? (chuckles). It's wrong to say that only non-intellectuals read my books. Shashi Tharoor reads my books. Late Leela Seth, former Chief Justice of India, would tell me that she was a fan of my books. Gulzar sahib reads my books. In fact, no one doing better than me criticises me, it's only the authors who are not doing as good as me who have a problem with my books and my English. My brand is well made, so such comments don't affect me anymore.

Sadly, those who criticise me are fighting over which writer's English is good and which writer writes crap but they fail to see which author has brought our youths to books. I have. If people read only Chetan Bhagat because it is simple to read and when they come across an article stating Chetan Bhagat writes crap, they would stop reading and go back to watching Instagram reels. Because of some people's snobbery, we've lost a reader for life.

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Rajya Sabha Polls held in Bengaluru

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The polling, which began at 9 am, will conclude at 4 pm, following which the results will be officially declared later in the evening. The voters to the Rajya Sabha are the members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs), who are 224 in number.

Though the Congress and JD(S) jointly stood a chance to win the fourth seat through a quid-pro-quo arrangement in respect of second preferential vote of MLAs of the two parties combined, the continued bitter rivalry between Opposition leader Siddharamaiah and JD(S) leader H.D. Kumaraswamy, seems to have deprived the opposition of another Rajya Sabha seat.

The JD(S), which has 32 MLAs, does not have the number to win a seat on its own numbers, but its support in the form of second preferential vote is crucial in the contest for the fourth seat. JD(S) supremo and former Prime Minister H.D. Devegowda had met senior Congress leader Mallikarjun Kharge and other top brass of the Congress, as part of an effort to field a consensus candidate, but it did not materialise.

Even as the war of words continued between Siddharamaiah and H.D. Kumaraswamy, Siddharamaiah is said to have written an open letter to JD(S) MLAs a couple of days ago appealing them to cast their 'Conscience Vote' in favour of Congress party's second candidate Mansoor Ali Khan.

On the other hand, Kumaraswamy had appealed the Congress leaders to withdraw their candidate (Mansoor Khan) and support JD(S) candidate Kupendra Reddy in order to defeat the BJP. However, as per the latest trend, the BJP's third candidate Lehar Singh Siroya appears to scrape through in a keenly contested fourth seat.

Meanwhile, the JD(S), which is facing dissent within, suffered a setback as two of its legislators defied the party whip. While Kolar JD(S) MLA K. Srinivas Gowda openly said he had voted for the Congress candidate, Gubbi MLA S.R. Srinivas (Vasu) is likely to skip voting, it is learnt.

As fears of cross voting gripped the ruling BJP and opposition Congress and JD(S), all the three parties had issued a whip to their respective MLAs to cast their votes only in favour of the party candidate.

Mysuru makes an indelible mark

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Mysuru Paints and Varnish Ltd. (MPVL) has developed prototypes of these pens with technical support from the National Physical Laboratory, the National Research Development Corporation and the National Chemical Laboratory.

Meanwhile, a notification from the Election Commission (EC) said that it will provide 'particular' pens to electors to mark their vote on ballot papers in the Presidential election.

"For marking the vote, the Commission will supply particular pens. The pen will be given to the electors by the designated official when the ballot paper is handed over," the Commission said in a statement.

"It is the resolve of the EC that there should be no malpractice of any kind in this election for the highest office in the country and if anything is found, it is a ground for election petition in the Supreme Court and could lead to cancellation," Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar said, adding that the entire process of voting would be videographed.

Get ready to pay Rs. 200 to Rs. 250 as travel toll

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While one toll booth has been set up near Ganaguru after Srirangapatna near K. Shettihalli, the second toll plaza has come up at Kanaminike near Kumbalgodu. At Kanaminike, there are two plazas for onward and return journeys and toll will be levied. In all, there are three toll plazas but the toll will be collected only at two places.

According to the guidelines issued by NHAI, there has to be a toll for every 60 kilometres and the average fee is Rs. 1.5 to Rs. 2 per km. The toll is decided on the basis of the number of lanes, bridges and underpasses on the highway.

This particular highway has nine major bridges, 44 minor bridges, 28 vehicular underpasses, 13 light vehicle underpasses, 13 pedestrian underpasses, eight vehicular overpasses, four rail overbridges and two rest areas. Officials said that the toll for the full stretch will be decided only after the entire stretch is completed. The distance between Mysuru and Bengaluru is 140 kilometres.

Intl. Level Crossing Awareness campaign

Mysuru, June 10- Mysuru Division of South Western Railway (SWR) observed a week-long International Level Crossing Awareness (ILCA) campaign from June 3 to 9 across the division.

The ILCA campaign aims to raise awareness about the dangers associated with the road/rail interfaces (level crossings).

Neeraj Bafna. Senior Divisional Safety Officer, along with staff and personnel from Railway Protection Force, Railway Police and RTO officials, conducted week-long awareness campaign at Level Crossings across the division including level crossing coming under Chamarajanagar, Hassan, Arasikere, Shivamogga and Chitradurga Districts and counselled road users regarding preventive measures to be followed to avoid untoward incidents and also to obey all Railway warning and signals. They also cautioned road users to always use designated Railway crossings to protect themselves, other users and people travelling by train and help reduce track tragedies.

As part of the week-long campaign, several awareness drives were also organised in Schools, Colleges and Gram Panchayats and at public places to spread the awareness about the risk factors and mitigating measures for level crossing fatalities due to carelessness of the people.

Scouts and Guides also performed *Nukkad Natak* at many of the busiest level crossing in and around Mysuru City to educate and spread the awareness. Informative pamphlets were also distributed in all the 150 level crossings under the jurisdiction of Mysuru division during the week-long campaign.

Railway Protection Force and other stake holders conducted special drives and checks in about 30 level crossing for violations and penalties were imposed against the offenders.

MyGreen-22 expo from tomorrow

BAI Mysore Centre Chairman Elect Nagaraj V. Bairy addressing a press meet at Patrakarthara Bhavan in city this morning as (from left) BAI Vice-Chairman A. S. Yoganarasimha, BAI Mysore Centre Chairman R. Raghunath and EC Member Venkatesh Prasad look on.

Mysuru, June 10 (RKB&BCT)- Builders' Association of India, Mysore Centre, in association with Mysore Builders' Charitable Trust is organising its sixth edition of MyGreen-22 on June 11 and 12 at Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry on Vinoba Road between 10 am and 9 pm.

The exhibition is being organised as part of World Environment Month celebrations and will showcase eco-friendly construction materials, sustainable and renewable energy products, technologies, organic products and environment-friendly lifestyles and practices all under one roof.

The main objective of the exhibition is to create awareness among the citizens of Mysuru and motivate them to adopt an environment-friendly lifestyle. Organic products, a live display of organic manure manufacturing, homemade toilet-cleaning agents, waste management products and innovative technology for tackling wet waste at home by engineering students will be on display.

The information on the exhibition was provided at a press conference this morning at Patrakarthara Bhavan, addressed by BAI Mysore Centre Chairman Elect Nagaraj V. Bairy, BAI Mysuru Centre Chairman R. Raghunath. Other office-bearers of BAI A.S. Yoganarasimha and Venkatesh Prasad were present.

The exhibition will be inaugurated by Sam Cherian, Managing Director of Schevaran Laboratories and it will have over 20 stalls from various reputed companies.

The exhibition will also showcase m-sand, WPC recyclable wood for construction and furniture, eco-friendly building construction technology, solar water heaters, microgrids and lights, water treatment equipment, zero maintenance water softeners, waste management, renewable energy concepts and prefabricated septic tanks.

Also, water-proofing technologies, organic manure, lantana furniture, water-less car wash, organic food millets and organic vegetables will be on display along with NIE-CREST which will showcase various concepts of renewable energy. For details, call A.S. Yoganarasimha on Mob: 99805-56777 or T.S. Gurudatta on 98803-93343.

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Presenting Gurudev, his life endearingly

Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore is a unique personality and no amount of words can appropriately describe him. However, an attempt to put his glorious life in an accessible format is mission impossible. But Dr. Geetha Seetharam has attempted this as a playwright. Taking his life story chronologically is the best and most intelligent effort by her. She amply shows how her mind could gel with the thoughts of Gurudev.

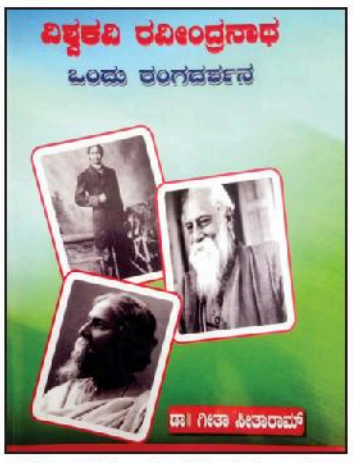
Her book titled '*Vishwakavi Ravindranatha - Ondu Rangadarshana*' is written in Kannada as a drama. The ('ವಿಶ್ವಕವಿ ರವೀಂದ್ರನಾಥ-ಒಂದು ರಂಗದರ್ಶನ') introduction gives an insight into what one can expect in this play, narrating the select events of a person who is so complete, a Nobel Laureate and a Gurudev. It covers his life's journey in dialogue by fellow actors and by him, also in 10 Acts each with independent scenes.

In the 1st Act, his childhood is presented as a loner and his naughtiness comes out in dialogues with his mother and attendees. The next two Acts have 11 scenes of a boy of 8-13 years at Jorasanko Thakur Palace with a group of friends and school. This is followed by Act 4 where he is a teenager.

His formative years are described in Acts 5 and 6 that flow as a mature, senior, well-groomed and ideal citizen shown in several dialogues. Becoming a Gurudev cannot be condensed and Act 7 is dealt with poignantly. The last three Acts showcasing his old age are heart-touching. The author has picked up narration that cannot be overlooked from the works of G. Ramnath Bhat, Ha.Ma. Nayak, Mahipal Desai and Rabindranath's Reminiscences, to mention a few.

The play starts with his dream sequences in the dialogue with his mother which show Tagore was not an outdoor child and once he started writing, nobody could believe that it was from an 8-year-old. This is where the strength of expression in the mother-tongue bloomed and sowed productive seeds. Several stories from epics told by his mother are ingrained in his thoughts.

In the next few scenes, his trauma of suffering corporal punishment in an English School disliked by his parents shows the kind of home he grew up in and the concern his parents had. He joins Bengali Academy and his pet 'blue book' of poetry and stories start filling with his mother-tongue.



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Author: Dr. Geetha Seetharam
Publisher: Swathi Prakashana, Bogadi, Mysuru

Though the Tagore family could afford a private teacher for Latin, their vision was to see the beautiful poem Rabindra wrote in his mother-tongue applauded. His friends enacted mythological, historical, patriotic and even romantic stories at home and the author hasn't missed anything.

A major turn in his life while in Calcutta was getting to know about Buddhism. From running around with friends in paddy fields to singing self-composed songs and taking a tour of several cities with his father is smoothly shown in Act 3.

His special reference to Gayatri Japam and total discipline from 17 years into youth, growing as a man grooming to become one with family attachments is depicted. Reading of exotic Geetha Govinda, Jayadeva Ashtapadi, Kalidasa and others are rendered in the scenes he used to enact on Radha and Krishna. Even Bankim Chandra and Sharad Mitra influenced his poems.

Then comes the scene when he has to prepare mentally to go to England to become a barrister as per his father's wish. During these days, the conversation with Annapurna in Bombay to improve his English is another scene worth watching more so on the discussion of his growing beard as his trademark which he maintained till the end of his life.

In these scenes, the height of his mental stress and inability to achieve academic success in England are shown. It was not taken harshly by his father who consoled him as "there is always a hidden hand that guides people's action. We cannot understand. You are more into being a poet, playwright, and nature lover. So go back to your brother who lives near the Ganges and create your own life." These words lessened his trauma. England gave him a chance to learn Western music.

Acts 5 and 6 deal with Tagore living in Mussoorie with his brother and sister-in-law where a serious dialogue of marriage proposal with a 10-year-old Bhavatharani from Bihar comes on stage. As he was 22 by then, he opposed a child marriage but was willing and happy to wait till she learnt Bengali. He called her Mrinalini later.

His vision of starting a Bengali Academy first with a scientific dictionary is detailed and there are dialogues helping youngsters in a sound education. The author has not forgotten to bring up some important issues such as school fee, food and curriculum with science and art. The dream of Gurudev and Mrinalini to start 'Shanthiniketan' and 'Vishvabharathi' are well presented.

Act 7 with 5 scenes is lengthiest as 40-50 years showcases parenting. Discussions of the power of learning from all languages, Sanskrit, English and even Pali were done with care in Schools where his own children and others studied. Epics of Ramayana, Mahabharata and Buddhism and Dhammapada cannot be missed in these conversations.

The discussions they had on various masterpieces he created which became things of eternal pride are in great detail. The mood of the nation with the freedom movement, World Wars causing upheavals, and the life of the poor, are all abridged in these scenes so also his personal tragedy and heartaches due to the loss of his son and wife.

Act 8 brings out the pain Tagore had when his Nobel Prize-winning 'Geetanjali' is respected less than him as a person. The dialogues repeatedly show the importance of reading it rather than admiring him as a world-renowned poet. Tagore was 60 then.

The play ends in Acts 9 and 10 with 7 scenes with all the wisdom of a 70 to 80-year-old. He is quiet and has lost his wife. A caring family of biological children and children in the University did as best as they could to comfort him.

The play at times becomes stressful because of lengthy dialogues. Apparently, it cannot be condensed as the author wanted to show his life totally. Though lengthy for a stage performance, it cannot see any event being dragged.

The book has important translations into Kannada. The National Anthem, Vande Matharam and 26 poems are given in the end.

—Dr. Shanthi Narasimhan

Session on Shyama Shastry

It is very rare that a full-fledged programme is dedicated to the legendary composer, Sri Shyama Shastry. Even though he is considered as one of the Trimurthies of Karnatak Classical music, his compositions (except a very few) are not sung frequently in concerts. In this background, the attempt made by Surabhi Gana Kala Mandira to commemorate the birthday of Shyama Shastry, is really commendable.

On 8th May, the prestigious Bidaram Krishnappa Mandira was reverberating with the soulful rendering of rare compositions of Shyama Shastry, by the disciples of Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar.

In the beginning, small kids neatly presented two Geethes in Bhairavi and Saveri. It was followed by two Varnas in Kalyani and Anandabhairavi and a few Krithis like Pahimam Sri (Naata), Palimpavamma (Mukhari), Raave Himagirikumari (Kalyani), Nannu brovu (Lalitha) by senior students. The rarest of the krithis was "Paarvathi ninnune" in the raga Kalgada (which is never heard of) and it was carried out with utmost ease and confidence by the young singer.

The highlight of the session was the Goshti Gayana of the three beautiful Swarajathis in which about 50 students (young and old) sang in perfect synchrony.

The intense devotion of Shyama Shastry towards his Aradhya Daiva, 'Bangaaru Kamakshi' , has been very well expressed in these 3 Swarajathis in the raga Bhairavi, Thodi and Yadukula kambhoji.

The auditorium was filled with serenity and divinity by the well-trained and impressive singing of the whole group.

The guest of honour, Dr. Rama Bennur was overwhelmed with joy and appreciated the hard work and good intention of Surabhi Gana Kala Mandira. She also emphasised the need of deep studying of the invaluable compositions of Shyama Shastry by the younger generation.

—A music lover

Volume on Classical Kannada books

Mysuru, June 10 (SSM) - Centre of Excellence for Studies in Classical Kannada Project Director has, in a press release, requested people to provide any Classical Kannada books to the Centre.

After the Indian Government certified Kannada Language as a Classical Language in 2008 various seminars, programmes, debates, workshops were held throughout the country. Many books relating Classical Kannada, its importance etc., were published by both Government and Private publications.

In this regard, literary books written by litterateurs Prof. T.V. Venkatachala Shastry, R.V.S. Sundaram, Prof. Lingadevaru Halemane, Dr. N. Geethacharya, Dr. K.V. Narayana, Dr. H.S. Raghavendra Rao, Dr. Mohana Krishna Rai and others were published. Hampi Kannada University, Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Kannada Development Authority, Bengaluru, Kannada Book Authority and other publications and organisations too have published various books.

In order to compile all the books of Classical Kannada which are on the verge of vanishing, Centre of Excellence for Studies in Classical Kannada will collect books and publish a comprehensive volume of Classical Kannada books.

'I have the ability to influence youths'

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"Sadly, those who criticise me are fighting over which writer's English is good and which writer writes crap but they fail to see which author has brought our youths to books. I have the ability to influence youths which is a good way to age."

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With the internet invading our limited space, our pie is already shrinking. We need to find out how to bring the youths back to books. India loves the caste system, even in literature there is a caste system, there has to be one caste at the top and the rest below.

Good English is considered synonymous with writing difficult words and complex sentences. Good writing is good thinking. We have encouraged only a certain class of writers, but how about those readers who can't understand difficult words. It is no longer possible to ignore the elephant in the room. There is still an opportunity, there are so many genres like horror, children, where there are still not many books. Young people are tired of videos. They want books, easy books which they can understand without much effort. There is a certain joy in reading which a video or a film wouldn't give.

SOM: What's your advice for those authors who would like to be in your shoes?

Chetan Bhagat: Why would anyone want to be in my shoes? Be yourself. I didn't want to be another Arundhati Roy or Salman Rushdie. Tomorrow's authors would be different, it wouldn't just be about writing books. It would be about videos, blogs and much more.

SOM: You're an actor, columnist, motivational speaker, writer and even a reality show judge? Which role do you like the most?

Chetan Bhagat: I like them all. I enjoyed acting (acted in 'Decoupled'). It was fun but no one hires me now. It's great to experience many things in life.

SOM: Do you get time to read?

Chetan Bhagat: I force myself to read at least one book a month. Currently I am reading a book on neuroscience titled 'The Molecular Mode' which talks about the brain circuit, how it works, why some people are self-motivated and some are not. Reading is important for writers. It's a craft which they need to polish constantly. Reading keeps you in that zone. On the other hand, there is no creativity in watching reels. It rusts your brain.

SOM: Do you think it is easier for authors from metros to make it big when compared to those in small towns like Mysuru?

Chetan Bhagat: In times of social media, location doesn't matter. The author has to carry the publicity burden on himself. Even big publishers wouldn't promote the book for you. When I wrote my first book, its review was published in 'India Today', which was a huge thing but these days it doesn't matter as much. It matters more if a social media influencer covers you. You can be in Mysuru or anywhere else and you can still be successful. The mindset has to change, every business has to have an online strategy. Every writer has to have an online presence. Learning the ropes on social media is a different skill but you have no choice but to do it.

SOM: What's the typical day in the life of Chetan Bhagat?

Chetan Bhagat: I love my two hours of morning coffee time when I think a lot about how I can improve myself. It needn't be anything big, just small but significant things, followed by writing, any admin work, paying taxes, kids and family time. Family support matters but ultimately you are on your own. Your journey is your own, that's why in Vedas they talk about detachment. Don't count on anyone's support.

SOM: You are surrounded by controversies. Do they come to you on their own or you invite them?

Chetan Bhagat: Not always. Earlier I used to comment about politics but I have cut that too. Politics is bad, one should never talk about politics or even religion. People are sensitive about these two subjects.

SOM: Would you join politics?

Chetan Bhagat: Once upon a time politics interested me and I wanted to join but not now. Change attracts me and joining politics is one way of changing your country but it's too much hard work. Politicians in India work 24x7, have zero privacy and zero family life. Shashi Tharoor once told me he attended eight weddings in a day. Even if he would go only for five minutes, he has to show his face. Apart from this, there is Constituency and Parliament work.

SOM: From where do you get ideas for your novels and is it easy to be a published author these days?

Chetan Bhagat: Through my travels. In addition, I post motivating videos and read the comments about failure, heart breaks which gives me a base and good material for my stories. These are tough times for authors, it's difficult to get traditionally published these days but e-books, self-publishing, blogging, insta posts are opening many avenues for authors to get published. So why limit it to books?

SOM: Are you a pantser or a plotter?

Chetan Bhagat: I am a plotter, especially for thrillers and mystery novels, you have to have the entire plot ready though it looks organic. Sometimes the story changes as I go along.

SOM: Who is your favourite author?

Chetan Bhagat: I love R.K. Narayan's books. I would surely pass by his museum and take pictures. I have a flat in Mumbai that can even be made into a museum.

SOM: Who is the real Chetan Bhagat?

Chetan Bhagat: I like to constantly work on my internal growth. I have many friends who are super rich but they are not necessarily happy. People have external growth like accumulating wealth, earning titles but they fail to work on their internal wealth which is very important for happiness ■

PM Modi discusses plans to visit Mysuru with CM

Bengaluru, June 10 (Agencies)- Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a video-conference with Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai yesterday and discussed his scheduled State visit on June 20 and 21.

The officials of Union and State Governments explained the proposed programmes that the PM is scheduled to inaugurate during his visit.

Bommai, who addressed the State Government officials after the video-conference, instructed them to take precautions to ensure that there is no scope for any lapses in the PM's programmes.

The PM is set to participate in the International Yoga Day celebrations on June 21 in Mysuru. The CM instructed officials on preparations for the mega event. Chief Secretary Vandita Sharma, CM's Principal Secretary N. Manjunath Prasad and other senior officials were present.

Earlier on Tuesday, Bommai, who reviewed the preparations for International Yoga Day, wanted the officials to make arrangements for transport, snacks, drinking water and other facilities for participants in coordination with the Union Government.

"Extend all cooperation to Union AYUSH Ministry, which is keen to organise an exhibition on Yoga," Bommai instructed.

The State Government has constituted 14 committees including a Core Committee headed by Mysuru District In-Charge Minister for the smooth and successful conduct of the event. Bommai instructed the Police officials to ensure foolproof security during the PM's visit.

Mysuru roads get facelift

The Nanjangud Road stretch from Mysore Airport is getting a facelift.

Meanwhile, a few roads in Mysuru are getting a complete makeover for PM Modi's visit with the Rs. 10 crore released by the State Government.

The Nanjangud Road stretch from the Mysore Airport at Mandakalli to the Mysore Palace is getting a new coat of asphalt for the PM's cavalcade to move. The Raja Marga around the Palace, the road medians, kerbs and barricades are being cleaned and painted with the usual black and yellow paint.

Stretches from K.R. Circle till Patshala Circle, New Sayyaji Rao Road, stretches around the All India Institute of Speech and Hearing and roads around the Chamundi Vihar Stadium are being freshly laid.

The Chamundi Vihar Stadium is being kept as an alternative venue for PM's Yoga performance in case it rains. The road from Vasanth Mahal to the Stadium was ridden with potholes and now it is getting a fresh layer of asphalt.

CESC public grievances meet in Nanjangud on June 13

Nanjangud, June 10 (SSM)- The first quarterly meeting of power consumers coming under CESC Nanjangud Sub-Divisions 1 and 2 will be held at CESC Office in Nanjangud town on June 13.

The meeting of power consumers coming under Nanjangud Sub-Division-1 will be held between 11 am and 12 pm (Nanjangud town, Tandavapura, K.S. Hundi, Hulimavu, Hadinaru, Hosakote, Biligere, Tumbanerala, Maraluru, Kalale, Sindhuvalli, Kasuvinahalli, Deviramman-ahalli. Naviluru and Deburu)

Sub-Division-2 will be from 12 pm to 1 pm (Badanavalu, Devanuru, Doddakavalande, Hadatale, Hemmaragala, Konanuru, Nerale, Heggadahalli, Shiramalli, Hagginavalu, Hullahalli, Rampura, Kurihundi, Nellitalapura, Haradanahalli, Duggalli, Hura, Hallara, Hadya, Hediyala, Devarayashettypura, Dasanuru, Karya, Mallupura, Tagaduru and Tayuru), according to a press release.

WORD OF THE DAY

Arrogate

Pronunciation: AIR-uh-gayt.
Meaning: Arrogate is a formal word that usually means "to take or claim (something, such as a right or a privilege) in a way that is not fair or legal."
Origin: The resemblance between arrogate and arrogant is more than coincidence: they both have the Latin verb arrogare, meaning "to appropriate to one's self," at their root. This idea of claiming or seizing something as one's right is immediately apparent in the English word arrogate: the word is used primarily to talk about taking or claiming a right or a privilege in a way that is not fair or legal. In arrogant the idea of appropriation is slightly veiled: by showing an offensive attitude of superiority, an arrogant person claims — that is, arrogates — more consideration than they are due.
Example: "Teenage girls rule in the tart but sweet new Broadway musical Mean Girls. But their system of high-school government is far from a democracy: It's a reign of terror, angst and mall fashions, where popularity is arrogated and then ruthlessly enforced." — Adam Feldman

THE ODD WORD

Aboideau

Tide gate.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

A leopard never changes its spots

Meaning: The phrase "a leopard never changes its spots" means that it's impossible for one to change their character, even if they will try very hard. The expression, sometimes also used as "a leopard can't change its spots", is used to explain the idea that no one can change their innate nature.
Origin: This meaningful phrase dates as far back as the Old Testament. It was used in Jeremiah 13:23, where the Hebrew prophet Jeremiah had originally said: "Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard its spots?". "A leopard never changes its spots" derives directly from that phrase and is still used today.
Example: "Brendan: 'Do you think he'll ever stop lying to us?' William: 'I doubt it; after all, a leopard never changes its spots.' "
"The teacher tried to be kind to her students, but a leopard can't change its spots, she was still very mean."

QUOTE BOX

Do not look at stars as bright spots only. Try to take in the vastness of the universe. **—Maria Mitchell**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Suspicion

Answer: Above suspicion.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Camera type
4 Russian mountain range
8 Cut up with an axe
12 "Ali" turning into a girl?
13 Indian language of yore
14 Prefix meaning `to do with aircraft'
15 Finally or eventually, in a way? (5,3)
17 Dense
18 Basil-based sauce
19 Tropical fruit
21 RK Studio's 1948 offering?
23 Shuts; finishes
27 J&K district
30 Pole for fishing
32 Misbehave or become temperamental? (3,2)
33 Not as new
35 "It is" contraction
37 Disease of the nervous system
38 Binding
40 Cooking vessel
42 Incline head
43 An ascetic or a recluse
45 Label
47 Airlines Electronic Engineering Comm.
49 Brownish colour
53 Martial art ___ fu
56 Cease operations of a factory etc. (4,4)
58 Understanding term? (1,3)
59 Take one's ease
60 Kith and ___ : a near relative?
61 Hits lightly and gently
62 Army Photographic Intell. Serv.
63 Rock musician Brian

DOWN
1 Smack
2 Jail term
3 Charlie Brown's expletive
4 Tumult or disturbance
5 Regional Airline Assoc.
6 Aide or accomplice
7 Light purple colour
8 Clerical gown
9 Norse goddess
10 Spanish gold
11 Prisoner of war, acronym
16 Japanese outcast class
20 Elected rep.
22 Obtained
24 Astound or stupefy
25 Continental coin
26 The common potato
27 Abundant or lavish; as in "the field was ____ green"?
28 Italian noble family
29 Mister German?
31 Immerse in water
34 Injures; harms
36 Drunkard
39 Bakery offering
41 Tries out an edible item
44 Unit of magnetic induction
46 Go to ___ : retire to sleep ?
48 Fellow or person
50 Jab or prod at
51 Game-ending pronouncement (1,3)
52 "A" in A.D. ?
53 Place to sleep in
54 Superpower nation
55 The ___ : in short, the information superhighway?
57 Submachine gun

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

P	U	F	F	■	B	A	E	R	■	P	A	L
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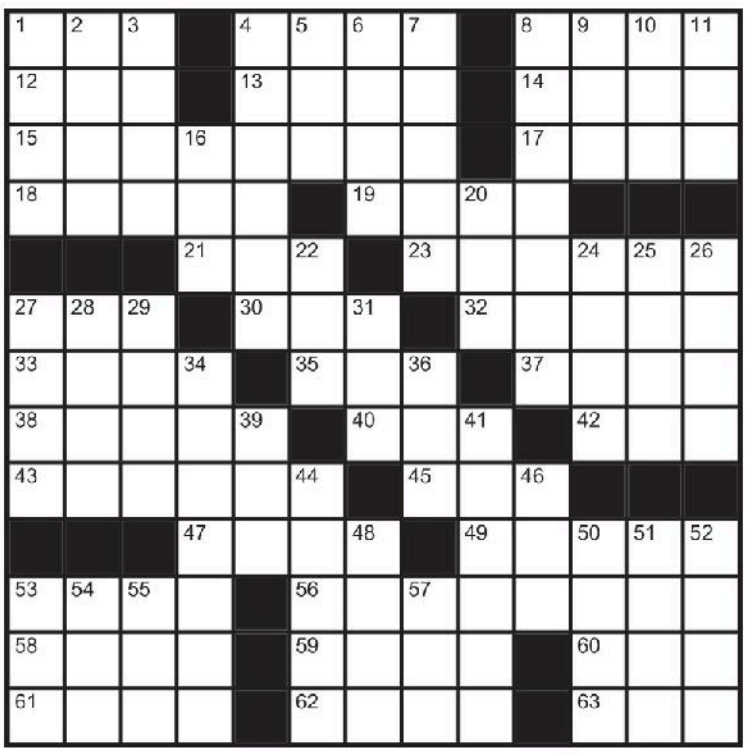

SUDOKU

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		9				6		
7	8						9	5
		2				8		
						5	4	
		5		6	2			
			7		9		2	6

Answer to previous puzzle

9	1	7	2	3	8	4	6	5
3	6	2	4	9	5	1	7	8
5	8	4	6	1	7	9	3	2
2	7	6	1	8	3	5	4	9
1	3	5	7	4	9	8	2	6
4	9	8	5	6	2	3	1	7
6	4	9	8	7	1	2	5	3
7	2	3	9	5	4	6	8	1
8	5	1	3	2	6	7	9	4

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

CF'Y OFS QNTG LA SLL DPAR TLLGNFQ, XWS FHFZ

QL DWTK QNTGFZ LA AL TLLGNFQ PS PEE.

TODAY'S CLUE: L EQUALS O

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Shut out all of your past except that which will help you weather your tomorrows.

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- **Sterling Theatre** Ph: 2481170
  Jurassic World: Dominion (E) 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** Mob: 9900820093
  777 Charlie (K) 4 Shows
- **Gayathri Theatre** Ph: 2443568
  777 Charlie (K) 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** Ph: 2521923
  Vikram (Ta) 4 Shows
- **Sangam Theatre** Ph: 2520494
  Vikram (Ta) 4 Shows
- **Thibbadevi Theatre** Ph: 2452958
  Vikram (Ta) 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** Ph: 2497199
  Vikram (H) 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** Ph: 2420885
  Don (Ta) 4 Shows
- **Skyline Theatre** Ph: 2481170
  Anjan (K) - 4 Shows
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  KGF - 2 (K) 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** Ph: 2423569
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Jurassic World: Dominion (3D-E)	(S-1)	9.55 am, 4.05 pm, 10.10 pm
	(S-4)	1.00 pm, 7.15 pm
777 Charlie (K)	(S-1)	12.55 pm, 7.00 pm
	(S-2)	10.10 pm
	(S-4)	9.35 am, 4.05 pm, 10.10 pm
Dear Friend (Ma)	(S-2)	9.55 am
Vikram (Ta)	(S-2)	12.20 pm
	(S-3)	9.30 am, 3.30 pm, 6.50 pm
Ante... Sundaraniki ! (Te)	(S-2)	3.30 pm, 6.50 pm
	(S-3)	10.10 pm
Sri Allama Prabhu (K)	(S-3)	12.45 pm

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777 Charlie (K)	(S-2)	9.20 am, 3.40 pm
		7.05 pm, 10.30 pm
	(S-4)	1.05 pm, 4.25 pm
Jurassic World: Dominion (3D-E)	(S-1)	9.30 am, 12.35 pm, 3.40 pm
		6.50 pm, 10.00 pm
Ante... Sundaraniki ! (Te)	(S-3)	2.35 pm, 9.45 pm
	(S-4)	9.40 am
Bhool Bhulaiya 2 (H)	(S-2)	12.40 pm
Vikram (Ta)	(S-3)	11.00 am, 6.10 pm
	(S-4)	10.20 pm
Dear Friend (Ma)	(S-4)	7.45 pm

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777 Charlie (K)	:	8.30 am, 9.05 am, 12.00 noon
		3.30 pm, 7.00 pm, 10.30 pm
777 Charlie (H)	:	8.45 am, 6.35 pm
Jurassic World: Dominion (E-3D)	:	9.20 am, 12.30 pm, 3.40 pm
		6.50 pm, 10.00 pm
Ante Sundaraniki (Te)	:	11.00 am, 6.10 pm, 9.45 pm
Vikram (Ta)	:	11.15 am, 2:45 pm,
		6.15 pm, 9.45 pm
KGF Chapter 2 (K)	:	12.10 pm
Major (Te)	:	12.35 pm
Major (H)	:	6.30 pm
Janhit Mein Jaari (H)	:	2.35 pm
Smrat Prithviraj (H)	:	3.35 pm
Top Gun: Maverick (E)	:	3.40 pm
Dear Friend (Ma)	:	9.35 pm
Bool Bhulaiyaa 2 (H)	:	10.00 pm

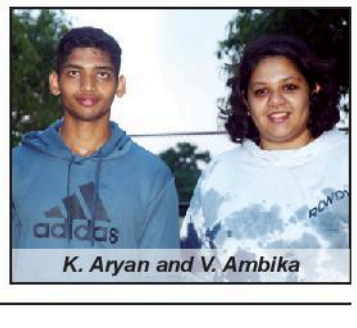
1st Floor, Garuda Mall. Mob: 9901373210

777 Charlie (K)	:	8.55 am, 11.40 am, 3.05 pm
		6.30 pm, 10.00 pm
Jurassic World: Dominion (E-3D)	:	9.35 am, 12.45 pm, 3.55 pm
		7.05 pm, 10.15 pm
Ante Sundaraniki (Te)	:	11.10 am, 6.55 pm, 10.30 pm
Vikram (Ta)	:	12.20 pm, 2.45 pm
		6.15 pm, 9:45 pm
Major (Te)	:	3.50 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15.

Mysore District Athletics Association fetes Aryan and Ambika

K. Aryan, silver medallist in the 400m hurdles event in the Federation Cup National U-20 Championship, who will be representing India in the World U-20 Championship in Colombia and V. Ambika, who will be representing Indian Universities in the World University Meet to be held at Kobe, Japan, their coach Prabhakar, NIS Athletic Coach, and parents were felicitated by Mysore District Athletics Association (MDAA) at a function held at Lions Hall near Mysore University Oval Grounds in city on Wednesday. They are seen with Somashekar, Vice-President, Karnataka State Athletics Association, Chainsingh Rajput, C.K. Muralidharan, both Vice-Presidents of MDAA, Umesh, Treasurer, MDAA and other office-bearers.



K. Aryan and V. Ambika

EVENTS TODAY (JUNE 10)

- **Mysore Art Gallery:** Exhibition of photographs clicked on mobile phone by M.R. Manohar, Mysore Art Gallery, Ramanuja Road, **up to 5 pm.** [Mob: 94826-43543 or 99868-81128]
- **Silk Weavers:** Expo-cum-sale of wedding and summer collections, Nanjaraja Bahaddur Choultry, Vinoba Road, **up to 9 pm.**
- **Mysuru Utsava:** Theme-based lifestyle and consumer expo, 'Space Tour' and Robotic Animal Kingdom, JSS Grounds, Doddakere Maidan, **up to 10 pm.**
- **Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA):** 'Besige Mela-2022' (Summer Exhibition), Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **3.30 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** Jyeshtha Shuddha Ekadashi - Pratyaksha Pada Puja, inauguration of 365 days (year long) cultural programme, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram, Nanjangud Road, Datta Nagar, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Ramalinga Cowdeshwari Ammanavara Temple:** Sri Mata Chowdeshwari Devi Silver Jubilee celebrations, Ranga Puje, Prasada Viniyoga, Temple premises, Kalammana Gudi Beedi, Mandi Mohalla, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JUNE 11)

- **Mysore Art Gallery:** Exhibition of photographs clicked on mobile phone by M.R. Manohar, Mysore Art Gallery, Ramanuja Road, **10 am and 5 pm.** [Mob: 94826-43543 or 99868-81128]
- **Akhila Bharata Sharana Sahitya Parishat and Mysuru City Sharana Sahitya Parishat:** Endowment programme, Kayaka Day celebration and presentation of 'Kayakashree Awards' to achievers — Nagarathnamma and G.V. Somashekar — Kuderu Mutt Seer Sri Gurushantha Swamiji graces the occasion, Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL) Chief Engineer Shankar Devanur inaugurates and speaks on the topic 'Sharanara Kayakatatva,' Akhila Bharatha Sharana Sahitya Parishat President Prof. Maleyuru Guruswamy presides, Sri Rajendra Bhavan, JSS Hospital premises, Ramanuja Road, **4.30 pm.**
- **Kalasuruchi:** Kathe Kelona Banni-727, story-telling by B.K. Jagadeesh, retd. Karnataka Bank Officer, Mysuru, Suruchi Rangamane, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, **4.30 pm to 5.30 pm.** [Ph: 0821-2541795 or 92435-81097]
- **Sri Arunachala Ramana Atma Vidya Mandir, Tiruvannamalai:** Spiritual Discourse on 'Who am I? Sri Ramana's way of Self Inquiry' (in English) by Swami Ramana Swaroopanadaji, Acharya, Sri Arunachala Ramana Atma Vidya Mandir, Vivekananda Hall, Mahajana PU College premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **5.30 pm to 7 pm.** [Mob: 94480-77363 or 99455-61172]
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram:** Swami Ishtanathanandaji speaks on 'Atmabodha,' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Krishna Gana Sabha:** 138th birth anniversary of Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar and Memorial Music Concert, *Star of Mysore* Founder-Editor K.B. Ganapathy chief guest, Sabha President B.S. Sridhar Raje Urs presides, vocal concert by Vidu. Manasi Prasad accompanied by Vid. M. Keshav on violin and Vid. A. Radhesh on mridanga [Sponsored by Doctors and Sri Krishna Gana Sabha], Alwar Kala Bhavan, Gokulam 3rd Stage, **6 pm.**

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Ante Sundaraniki (Te)	11.45 am, 6.25 pm
Jurassic World: Dominion (E-3D)	12.55 pm, 3.50 pm
	6.45 pm, 9.40 pm
Anya (H)	1.05 pm, 3.40 pm
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Janhit Mein Jaari (H)	3.40 pm
Vikram (Ta)	6.20 pm, 9.45 pm

Workshop

Mysuru, June 10 (BNR)- AKKA IAS Academy and Bharatiya Vidyarthi Sangha (BVS) have jointly organised a workshop on how to prepare for competitive exams and to guide about what next after SSLC on June 11.

Announcing this at a press meet at Pathrakartara Bhavan in city on Wednesday, Academy Founder-Director and BVS State Co-ordinator Dr. Shivakumar said that the workshop will be held at Vijnana Bhavan in Manasagangothri at 10.30 am. 213th Rank holder of 2021 UPSC Civil Services Exam Manoj Ramanath Hegde, IAS Trainer Sandeep Ravaneekar and others will be the resource persons.

BVS patron Sosale Siddaraju, who spoke at the press meet, said that there is a need to identify talent not only in students who have secured high marks but also in students who have secured less marks.

Stating that over 500 students are expected to take part in the workshop, he said that the entry to the workshop is free and interested may contact Mob: 98803-61209 for further details.

BVS District Co-ordinator Narayanaswamy, District President Supreeth Kumar, Cultural Secretary Siddesh Badanavalu were present at the press meet.

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